



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On September 23, 2010, Alfredo Hernandez Lopez of Lincoln was sentenced to five years (60 months) in prison for his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine between August of 2009 and April of 2010. On September 16, 2009, Hernandez Lopez delivered approximately ½ ounce of methamphetamine to an undercover Lincoln Police officer in a deal set up by Hernandez Lopez's roommate. On October 11, 2009, the undercover officer purchased an ounce of methamphetamine from Hernandez Lopez's roommate and made partial payment for that ounce. On October 21, 2009, Hernandez Lopez met with the undercover officer, collected the remaining money owed for the October 11th purchase, and provided the officer with an additional ounce of methamphetamine. Following the prison term, Hernandez Lopez will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Alfredo Hernandez Lopez

AKA:

Age: 33

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than five years nor more than 40 years

imprisonment and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than four years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Hernandez Lopez was held responsible for the distribution of at least 50 grams but less than 200 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Marvin Ricardo Solis is scheduled for a plea on October 13, 2010. Jorge Arreaga, Wilson Antonio Garcia-Panama, and Dante E. Vicharra have all pled guilty. Arreaga is scheduled for sentencing on October 28, 2010. Garcia-Panama is scheduled for sentencing on October 13, 2010. Dante Vicharra is scheduled for sentencing on November 16, 2010.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: From on or about August 4, 2009, to April 1, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: April 1, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: April 2, 2010

Indictment Returned Date: April 19, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: April 5, 2010 on complaint, April 19, 2010 on indictment

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Hernandez Lopez pled guilty on July 1, 2010.

Sentencing Date: September 23, 2010.

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: April 1, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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